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SETTING UP OF NBA UNDER AICTE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Board of Accreditation under the AICTE wasset up to assess the qualitative competence of the Institutions recognized by AICTE from diploma level to the post graduate level through periodical appraisals;

(b) if so, whether out of 1800 departments/institutions approved by the Council during 1997-98 to 2001-2002, only 95 sought NBA accreditation;

(c) if so, whether the AICTE will make it mandatory for approved institutions to obtain NBA accreditation within a prescribed time limit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): In terms of Section 10(u) of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has been set up in AICTE As per the NBA guidelines, the minimum eligibility criteria for a programme to be considered for accreditation is that, at least two batches must have passed out from the concerned Programme. As such, most of the Institutions that were established during the period 1997- 98 to 2001-2002 were not eligible for accreditation. AICTE has not yet made it mandatory for approved Technical Institutions to obtain NBA accreditation. However, they encourage the Institutions to come forward for accreditation through certain incentives.